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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear TIAHA Brothers,

It is summer and, as usual, a pretty slow time of year for TIAHA events. I hope everyone is enjoying the heat. Speaking of heat, we decided to postpone the Italian/Irish softball game till the fall (probably September). 3:00 in the afternoon on a July Sunday afternoon would most likely result in numerous cases of heat exhaustion, etc.

Myself and Bob Giannuzzi went to a meeting last week for the International Focus. It seems that they were not sure they were going to have a festival this year but it is now on. The dates will be Sat. Nov. 4th from 10AM to 10PM and Sun. the 5th from 11AM to 6PM.

Because of the cost of the Jim Graham Building, they will be holding the festival in the Dorton Arena. What this means is that there will be limited space for the booth and food prep areas. I expressed our concern that with limited space we may not be able to prepare and therefore sell Pizza, our main menu item and money maker. We don't know exactly what the layouts will be as of yet and they will be letting us know as soon as possible.

We have sent in a deposit for the Sidewalk Café and the Bazaar. I am banking on the fact that if the festival doesn't come off or if we cannot sell what we need to sell, we will be able to back out and get our deposit back.

There are still days left for the TIAHA blood drive. All you need to do is go to the Red Cross Blood Building on New Bern and Peartree across from Wake Med) and give blood in the name of TIAHA. I'm sure I don't have to tell you that it's a very worthy cause.

So take it easy and enjoy the summer. There will be lots of stuff happening come late summer and the fall so please be ready to join your TIAHA brothers, and families, in brotherhood, merriment & frolicking, feasting, charitable events, and a little bit of work.

Ciao,
Frank

TIAHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21st, 2006 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

Meeting called to order by President Ferraro. Pledge of allegiance recited.

□ **GOOD AND WELFARE**

- ✓ Tony Aiello took a header while riding his bike. Hit his head and chest. Has scrapes and some pain. Was wearing helmet. Second time for him.
- ✓ Joe Frangiosa is doing well after kidney removal for cancer.

OLD BUSINESS

□ **STORAGE SPACE**

- ✓ Frank got a price of \$90/month for 10x10 unit at new facility next to Knights. Jersey Mike to check with owner to see if price can be lowered.

□ **ST. RAPHAELS FEAST**

- ✓ Frank Ferraro and Sal Notarmaso went to their meeting. Frank said the silver tongued Sal got us back into the food booth, and we also have waste management.
- ✓ Roster chairman- Vince Doria.
- ✓ Preparation chairmen- Capi and Vetrano.
- ✓ Food chairmen- Frank and Sal
- ✓ Waste management chair-Frank.

□ **PAPERBACK BOOKS FOR MILITARY IN IRAQ**

- ✓ Frank said we did a good job of bring in books and it would be an ongoing project.

□ **PRINTING OF MAILED NEWSLETTER**

- ✓ Some discussion of trying to eliminate current \$10/month printing costs. Look at purchasing a printer. Try to get a quote from Knight's printing source. All info to be in to board by 7/11 meeting.

□ **FAMILY PICNIC**

- ✓ To be held Sunday, September 17th at the Oddfellows Lodge. Charlie Morabito to chair.

□ **WINE TASTING**

- ✓ To be held August 5th at the Oddfellows. Joe Sparacia is going to line up at least 6 wineries and one sake for tasting. Snacks to be provided. Cost not yet determined, but wine will be provided at no cost.

□ **ADOPT A HIGHWAY**

- ✓ June 24th. Meet at Brassfield Elementary School.

□ **GOLF OUTING**

- ✓ Frank asked for show of hands to indicate interest. Frank to arrange for date and location.

□

HORSE RACING

- ✓ July 22nd. 13 seats remaining. Call Bob Vetrano to reserve.

□ **NURSING HOME RAFFLE**

- ✓ Bob Giannuzzi announced that our own Joe Miracola won.

NEW BUSINESS

□ **BLOOD DRIVE**

- ✓ American Red Cross is holding a “Camp Save a Life” the first two weeks of July. We will be the sponsoring organization. Paul Messino will send e-mail to pick up donors and volunteers.

□ **ULTRASOUND SCREENING**

- ✓ Joe Frangiosa spoke about the screening he had that picked up the kidney cancer, that would have otherwise gone undetected. Joe is to try to arrange for a group screening for TIAHA and Knights. Will try to arrange for surgeon to speak at one of our meetings.

□ **FOURTH OF JULY**

- ✓ Knights holding round robin softball tournament and picnic. Also having fireworks after dark. TIAHA members are invited.

□ **COOKS**

- ✓ Paul Messino
- ✓ Rudy DiFrancisci
- ✓ Roy Cordato

□ **PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

- ✓ Bob Cenfetelli

□ **50/50**

- ✓ Andrew Caamano.

TIAHA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 11th, 2006 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

In attendance: F. Ferraro, V. Doria, V. Cononi, D. Baron, J. Bono

1. A discussion was had for combining the Italian/Irish softball game with the Family picnic but we decided against this because our Family Picnic should be a total TIAHA event
2. Frank needs to update the flyer
3. Since this year is TIAHA's 25th anniversary, the Board voted that this year's Family Picnic would be a very special event. Instead of the normal practice of having members bring main dishes, we will go out and buy some great meats, etc for grilling. We're talking thick steaks, jumbo shrimp, ribs, leg of lamb, etc.
 - We will have some very nice door prizes for adults and kids which will include one very major prize like a weekend trip for two
 - We will send out special invitations to all present and past members of TIAHA
 - We will get a big cake commemorating the event
4. John Bono will call Oxford house to explore arrangements for getting kids to a Durham Bulls game.
5. There is so much going on in Sept. that we will ask John C. to move the wine tasting to Oct.
6. Dennis Parnell who runs an organization for battered women and men will be a guest speaker at our July meeting. This is an organization we have targeted as one that we can get involved with and do some good.
7. We are still interested in a Golf Package raffle. Frank and Tony Aiello need to get together.
8. Next month's Board meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 1st.

Italy makes five penalty kicks to beat France

By **Barry Wilner** *The Associated Press*

BERLIN — The beautiful game turned vicious, even venomous Sunday. It was all still beautiful to Italy.

The Azzurri outlasted France to win their fourth World Cup 5-3 in a shootout after a 1-1 draw marred by French captain Zinedine Zidane's ejection in the 110th minute of his farewell game for a nasty head butt to the chest of Marco Materazzi.

Never masters of the penalty kick, the Italians made all five, setting off an hour of hugging, dancing and fistpumping celebrations.

"This squad showed great heart," Genaro Gattuso said. "Maybe it wasn't pretty, but we were hard to beat."

They were impossible to beat and gave up only one goal actually scored by an opponent. And no, it was not pretty.

Outplayed for an hour and into extra time, the Italians won it after Zidane committed the ugliest act of a tournament that set records for yellow and red cards, diving and, at times, outright brutality.

And it was the last move for Zidane, who is retiring.

Asked if French soccer would miss Zidane, coach Raymond Domenech said:

"Yes, well, he was missed in the last 20 minutes Sunday. It weighed heavily in the outcome."

Without their leader for the shootout, the French only missed once. But Italy, rarely strong in such situations, was perfect. Fabio Grosso clinched the Azzurri's fourth championship, and his teammates had to chase him halfway across the pitch to celebrate.

"It's incredibly emotional, words can hardly describe it," Grosso said. "Maybe we still don't realize what we have achieved. We really wanted to win and in the end we made it."

Only Brazil has more World Cups, five.

Until now, no team since the last Azzurri champions in 1982 had to endure the stress and anguish of a soccer scandal. Rather than be disrupted by the current probe ripping apart the national sport back home, the Italians survived.

"We knew that with what has happened with our soccer, a nation that has won the World Cup four times ... has the strength to get back on its feet," Gattuso said.

In the final, they outlasted France, which underwent a renaissance of its own in the last month. The French, racked by dissension, nearly went out in the first round for the second straight World Cup, then Zidane turned them around. They controlled the flow of play Sunday, only to fail to finish through 120 minutes.

Their only goal, Zidane's penalty kick in the seventh minute, was the lone score by an Italy opponent in seven games.

But the Italians put the ball into the net 12 minutes later on Materazzi's header off a corner kick. And then they held on in a game marked by sloppiness and maliciousness.

Rarely did Italy threaten over the final 75 minutes. But the Azzurri ignored recent history — they lost a quarterfinal shootout to France in 1998, when Les Bleus went on to their only championship.

Andrea Pirlo, Materazzi, Daniele De Rossi and Alessandro Del Piero all easily beat France goalkeeper Fabien Barthez in the shootout. The difference was the miss by rarely used David Trezeguet, which hit the crossbar on France's second attempt.

When Grosso connected with his left foot, the sliver of Italian fans in the opposite corner of Olympic Stadium finally could let out their breath — and screams of victory.

"We had fear of the penalties," said Gattuso, aware that Italy lost the only other final decided in a shootout, to Brazil in 1994. "Our history was not great, so that was the fear."

On the trophy stand, amid hugs and slaps on the back, Materazzi placed a red, white and green top hat on the Jules Rimet Trophy. Captain Fabio Cannavaro then held it high as cameras flashed everywhere. An impromptu Tarantella by the players followed as silver confetti fluttered around them.



The Associated Press Italy's Fabio Cannavaro, top center, holds up the World Cup trophy as he celebrates a shootout victory with his teammates

Wine Tasting
Saturday, Sept 23rd, Oddfellows Lodge, Six Forks Road, Raleigh

This is a FREE wine tasting. TIAHA will absorb any costs involved. The club will provide items to cleanse the palate including breads, crackers and cheeses. It is open to members and guests 21 yrs of age and older. It is currently planned to start at 6 and end at 9.

Joe Sparacia, owner of Wendell Fine Wine & Spirits Marketing, has graciously agreed to conduct this tasting. He has several suppliers lined up and plans to have several tasting areas including Italian, Reds, Whites, Blushes and Specialty wines from various regions. Joe attended our June meeting and provided an overview of the tasting and how to properly taste wines. Joe also has arranged discounts for attendees to purchase the wines at approximately a 20% discount. Possibly more on full cases. This should be a fun event and the wine will enhance some great fellowship. Put this one on your calendar.

I will follow with another note as a reminder and provide the directions and any other information that I may have forgotten to mention or time changes.

PLEASE send me a reply NOW if you plan to attend and approximately the total # of people in your party. I know it's early but I need to have some idea of the # of attendees to insure we have enough to conduct the tasting and have enough wine and snacks.

Brother

John Christofaro

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DENNIS PARNELL HAS AGREED TO SPEAK TO THE TIAHA GROUP AT OUR JULY 19TH MEETING. HE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE "RALEIGH HEALING PLACE FOR WOMEN" THAT RECENTLY OPENED ON EBENEZER CHURCH ROAD. HE IS ALSO THE MAJOR PRINCIPLE FOR THE "RALEIGH HEALING PLACE FOR MEN". HE SHOULD BE AN INTERESTING SPEAKER.

A Recipe for Spiedies

Spiedie Marinade

Olive oil 2 parts (3 cups)
Wine vinegar 1 part (1 1/2 cups) (or wine)
Lemon juice sprinkle (1/4 cup)
Garlic to taste (3 or more cloves), chopped and minced
Onions to taste (1 or more), chopped and minced
Basil to taste (probably a couple of teaspoons)
Oregano to taste (probably a couple of teaspoons)
Rosemary to taste (probably a couple of teaspoons) (or a sprig)
Bay Leaves 2 - broken in half
Italian. Parsley 2 or 3 fresh sprigs
Optional Italian spices (brand name - PINCH)(mostly garlic salt, onion salt, pepper, and salt)
Parsley (1 or 2 teaspoons)

"Defat" and debone lamb and cut into small cubes (about 1 inch cubes).

Put in roasting pan.

Pour on marinade and place in refrigerator for 3 - 4 days.

Turn meat occasionally (mix to marinade it evenly), at least once a day (maybe twice). Keep pan covered.

After marinating the meat, place cubes on skewer and barbecue over an open flame until reasonably well done.

When cooked, wrap a slice of Italian bread around meat and remove from skewer.

You may also substitute pork, chicken, and venison (deer meat).

You can buy "sliced" Italian bread at Roma's on Harrison Ave. in Cary.

To get there take I40 and get off at the Harrison Ave. exit (about 2 miles east of Aviation Parkway exit or about 1 - 2 miles west of where Wade Ave. merges into I40).

Go down Harrison (probably a couple of miles) and when you get to the RR tracks, there will be a group of stores to your right (cross the first set of tracks). The last store (on the left end, facing the stores is Roma's).

The above recipe was contributed by Bob Cenfetelli

Today's Immigration Debate – An Italian American Perspective

By Truby Chiaviello

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When it comes to the current debate on immigration reform, the focus is on Hispanics. Both Democrats and Republicans agree that something must be done about the huge influx of immigrants from Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean, during the last 20 years. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are approximately 37 million people living in America today of Spanish origin; just over 12 percent of the U.S. population. (Italian Americans make up about eight percent of the U.S. population.) Estimates range from 10 million to 15 million Hispanics have entered the country illegally. President Bush has proposed decriminalization with a guest worker program that would allow for a process of citizenship no matter if the immigrant was illegal or not. Members of his party are critical of this proposal. They instead want to get tough on illegal immigrants by backing a bill in Congress that would, among other things, build a massive wall between the U.S. and Mexico.

Italian Americans are especially relevant to this debate since 100 years ago Italian immigrants, our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents, were the objects of fear and loathing among many Americans. Cristogianni Borsella has recently written a book that probes the issue of Italian persecution throughout American history. He says a similar debate on immigration happened during the early 1900s but the focus was on Italian immigrants back then, instead of Hispanics. "Italians went through the same treatment that Hispanics are experiencing today," Borsella says. "Leaders in government, industry and labor came together in the 1920s to stop the flow of Italians coming to this country."

Borsella spent three years researching the topic of Italian persecution by reading scores of books, government reports, old newspaper clippings and magazine articles. The title of his book, available in bookstores throughout the country as well as on Amazon.com, is "On Persecution, Identity & Activism: Aspects of the Italian-American Experience from the Late 19th Century to Today," published by Dante University Press.

What the author has to say about the history of Italian persecution is important material for politicians to understand during the current immigration debate.

"Hispanics are the Italians of today," Borsella says. "But the racism and criticism of Hispanics are more subtle now than they were back then for Italians. Italians were publicly derided and often brutalized. You had Ku Klux Klan rallies directed against Italian immigrants during the early 1900s. You had newspaper editorials proclaiming Italians an inferior race. You had mass expulsions. Hundreds of Italians, many of them women and children, were kicked out of whole towns in America. Many Americans were outraged that Italian immigrants were 'stealing' their jobs and working for cheaper wages. You had labor posters that divided work groups: White, Black and Italian. Italians were often given the harder jobs for the least amount of money."

Borsella's book is important reading for Italian Americans. He highlights two laws passed by Congress during the height of Italian immigration between 1900 and 1930 in an effort to restrict Italian immigration. Italians had outnumbered every other immigrant group. They stood out more from other Americans with a darker complexion and a different language and religion. Whole cities like New York, Boston and Chicago were dominated by Italian immigrants and many people in the country did not like it.

In 1917, Congress passed a literacy law that banned Italians from entering the United States if they could not read a particular passage. When that law did not stem the tide of Italian immigration, the Immigration Act of 1924, better known as the National Origins Act, was passed enforcing Italian immigration quotas. Racism and ethnic prejudice were the overriding factors for passing such laws. Senator David Reed (R-PA), a sponsor of the bill said at the time "that the races of men who have been coming to us in recent years are wholly dissimilar to the native-born Americans..." What the law did, as Borsella writes in his book, was to make it more difficult for Italians to immigrate while at the same time make it easier for Northern Europeans to immigrate to the United States.

"Immigration, civil rights and labor rights are all one in the same issue. They are inseparable," Borsella says. "What people need to do today is look at history. When you do that, you see that it always rests upon the contractor or employer. They are the ones that take advantage of the immigrant labor. It is no fault of the immigrant who is starving and needs to make enough money to feed his family. What should be done today is penalize the businesses that perpetuate labor abuse. It is a matter of economics. What the U.S. has done wrong are the trade agreements like NAFTA and CAFTA. These trade deals lower the labor standards in other countries. They have wrecked other countries' economies. With trade deals like these, there will be no end to immigration. What does a person do when he or she is going to work in Mexico or South America for 20 cents or 50 cents per hour? He or she will leave their home country and come to America for better wages."

Borsella suggests that the immigration problem may solve itself if history is any lesson. "Many Italian immigrants went back to Italy – about 60 percent of them returned. Italians found, as will today's immigrants that America is not the land paved with gold. It can be a harsh place to make it. Many will want to return to their home country," he says.

Borsella admits that he is not a policy maker. He is a student of history. But he knows what has worked and not worked in the past when it comes to immigration. "One thing I would not suggest is building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico," he says. "Walls do not work. Just look around the world. Walls have not helped Israel. Walls did not help the Communists. Look what happened to the Berlin Wall. Walls always come tumbling down."

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Railroads and Rocket Science

Does the statement, "We've always done it that way" ring any bells?

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used?

Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US Railroads.

Why did the English build them like that?

Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then?

Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Okay! Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing?

Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads?

Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since. And the ruts in the roads?

Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. And bureaucracies live forever.

So the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse's ass came up with it, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses.

Now the twist to the story

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs.

The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory at Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site.

The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's ass. and you thought being a HORSE'S ASS wasn't important

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A Day at the Races

The horse race trip details:

Price: \$24.00 a head. Open to members and guests/friends.

Date: Saturday July 22nd

Location: Colonial Downs Racetrack, outside Richmond, VA.

Departure: Knights of Columbus, on Columbus Ave, off of New Hope Road, Raleigh.

Time: 8:30 am {donuts and coffee} Leave 9am arrive 12pm, return 5:30pm, arrive at Knights of Columbus 8:30pm

Make checks payable to Bob Vetrano. Send to me at 3612 Spring Willow Pl, Raleigh, 27615.

Henny Youngman Jokes

Horse Race Jokes

I played a great horse yesterday! It took seven horses to beat him.

The horse I bet on was so slow, the jockey kept a diary of the trip.

My horse's jockey was hitting the horse. The horse turns around and says "Why are you hitting me, there is nobody behind us!"

That was the first time I saw a horse start from a kneeling position!

My horse was so late getting home, he tiptoed into the stable.

I don't mind when my horse is left at the post. I don't mind when my horse comes up to me in the stands and asks "Which way do I go?" But when the horse I bet on is at the \$2 window betting on another horse in the same race...

Insults

"What's the latest dope on Wall Street?" "My son!"

Was that suit made to order? Where were you at the time?

You have the Midas touch. Everything you touch turns to a muffler.

If you had your life to live over again, do it overseas.

She's been married so many times she has rice marks on her face.

She has a wash and wear bridal gown.

You have a ready wit. Tell me when it's ready.

You look like a talent scout for a cemetery.

You have a nice personality, but not for a human being.

The more I think of you, the less I think of you.

Where did you get your haircut, the pet shop?

Is that your hat or are you wearing a cabana?

ON A PERSONAL NOTE:



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Bob and Judy Caprioli
Jon and Vickie Ferrante, Sr.
Jack and Carey Giamportone
Bob and Fran Giannuzzi
Mario and Jo Guglielmi
Steven and Deborah Laino



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

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Bob Caprioli
Frank Ferraro, Sr.
Joe Frangiosa
Jon Ferrante, Sr.
Lou Baffaro

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

Agnes Guliano
Larisa Palmisano
Rosemarie Sorrentino
Kathleen Vetrano

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

Ron Little is recovering from surgery on his left shoulder & elbow

Edna Caliendo's brother, **George E. Haroldsen**, passed away June 22nd, 2006.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



EDITOR:

Is something newsworthy?
Let us know, send it to

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If you know of an illness, birth, death, marriage, etc., of a TIAHA member or member's family, please contact:

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The **deadline** for submitting input to the newsletter is the **second Wednesday of the month.**

Happy Birthday Lou and Best Wishes For Many More





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TIAHA UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19th (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

July 22nd (Saturday), HORSE RACE DAY See details in this newsletter.

August 1st (Tuesday), 6:30 PM – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

August 16th (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

September 17th (Sunday), FAMILY PICNIC Odd Fellows Lodge, 7805 Six Forks Road, Raleigh. Details will be available at a later date.

September 23rd (Saturday), WINE TASTING Odd Fellows Lodge, 7805 Six Forks Road, Raleigh. The date is under review and may be changed to October.